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Title: Periodic Broadcast and Location of Evolving Media  
Content with Application to Seminar and Stroke Media

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement relating to the above-identified patent application. There is no additional claim fee due in connection with the Response.

In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Examiner's October 3, 2005 Official Action.

The Examiner found that the claims of the instant application, which are directed to techniques for periodic broadcast and location of evolving media content with application to seminar and stroke media, describe two distinct inventions. The Examiner therefore required that the application be restricted to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1- 24, 30-39 and 45-54 drawn to generating specific broadcasting levels and by transmitting specific levels periodically as shown in Fig. 1, classified in class 370 subclass 464; and
- II. Claims 25-29, 40-44 and 55-62, drawn to general abstract definition of data structure, classified in class 725 subclass 97.

Applicants respectfully assert that the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn, since each Group is generally drawn to techniques for periodic broadcast and location of evolving media content with application to seminar and stroke media, and it is believed that a complete search for each Group would require a search of most, if not all, of the individual classes and subclasses. Accordingly, Applicant submits that an examination of both Groups would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner. Where, as here, "the search and examination of an entire application can be made

without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.” MPEP §803.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn and that all of the pending claims in the application be examined together in this application, or, alternatively, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-24, 30-39 and 45-54, for prosecution in this application.

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